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Dear Sir

I thank you for your prompt attention to my parcel. I have just returned from Phil<sup>a</sup>, where, in company with J. P. James, I compared the Desmodium from Maryland, with ~~that of~~ *D. humifusum* in Herb. Muhl. The two species are very distinct. In the general collection in the Herb., there is one specimen of *D. humifusum*, but none of our plant. But Dr James fortunately came across a special collection, containing specimens of all the species of "*Hedysarum*" in the Herb., accompanied by a numbered list in Muhlberg's handwriting. In this bundle is not only a specimen of "*Hedysarum humifusum*" collected by Muhlberg (the date of collection being given in the list), but also a specimen from Elliott (No 19. Muhl. + 338. Ell.) in fruit, and a leaf identical with the Maryland plant. This Elliott called *H. humifusum*, which